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THANOS®

A total obsession with power drives him--to control the forces of the universe.
He is the Mad Titan. He is...

THANOS

Recently, Thanos was stricken with a terminal illness. Taking advantage of his father's weakened state, Thane recruited Nebula, Tryco Slatterus and Thanos' brother, Starfox, to assassinate the Mad Titan. But seduced by Death – his father's former love – Thane betrayed his reammates, harnessed the Phoenix Force, stripped Thanos of his powers and left them all for dead.

After realizing Thane's corruption, Thanos entered the God Quarry – a legendary burial place of the gods – to obtain power that will allow him to defeat the Phoenix-powered Thane. However, father and son appear to be an equal match of strength and skill. Whoever emerges victorious from this battle will shape the future of the entire universe.

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WHAT-- WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
WELCOME TO THE GOD QUARRY, SON OF THANOS.
THIS IS THE PLACE AT THE END OF ALL PLACES.
HERE GODS ARE MADE AND GODS ARE UNDONE.
WHICH SHALL IT BE FOR YOU?
DO YOU NOT SMELL IT ON HIM, SISTERS? HE IS NOT ALONE.
AH, YES, THE PHOENIX IS WITH HIM...

ARRRRGGHHHH!

THAT OLD BIRD HAS NO PLACE HERE.

OFF YOU GO.
FLY, FLY, LITTLE BIRD.
TWEET TWEET.
NOW BOY, FACE THE COSMIC COVEN AS THE MAN YOU REALLY ARE.
IT IS NOT ONLY YOU HE MUST FACE HERE, WITCHES...

MEET YOUR MAKER, BOY.
NEBULA, WHERE THE HELL ARE WE?
I HAVE NO @#%$ IDEA. SOMEPLACE BAD.

NICE OF YOU TWO TO SHOW UP...
EROS?!
"THANOS HAPPENED."
NOT SO BRAVE WITHOUT THE PHOENIX FORCE, ARE YOU, THANE?
P-PLEASE--
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

PLEASE? PLEASE WHAT? YOU BEG ME NOW?
ONLY MOMENTS AGO YOU CLAIMED YOU WOULD KILL ME, AND NOW YOU BEG?
THERE IS NO NEED TO BEG, CHILD. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KILLING YOU.
YOU--YOU MEAN YOU WILL SPARE ME?
SPARE YOU? OH NO, THERE ARE THINGS WORSE THAN DEATH, BOY.
IS THAT NOT WHAT YOU SAID TO ME WHEN YOU STRIPPED ME OF MY POWER AND CAST ME AWAY TO TITAN?

I ENDURED THE GOD QUARRY BECAUSE I KNEW EXACTLY WHO AND WHAT I WAS, THANE.

FOR ME, IT WAS MERELY A TRIAL TO OVERCOME.

YOU, HOWEVER, HAVE ***NEVER KNOWN*** WHO YOU WERE OR WHAT KIND OF MAN YOU WERE MEANT TO BE. YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ***LOST.***

SO I WOULD IMAGINE FOR YOU IT WILL BE ***A LIVING HELL.***

N-NO!

FATHER, NO! I--I AM SORRY!
FATHER, PLEASE!
PLEASE HEL--
--KKT!
GOODBYE, THANE.
YOU WERE NOTHING BUT AN EMBARRASSMENT.

WELL DONE, MY LOVE.
YOU!
LADY DEATH.
WE HAVE NOT SEEN YOU FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME, SISTER.
YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.
AH, BUT I DO, SISTERS OF ETERNITY...

THANOS IS MY BUSINESS.
LADY, YOU DID ALL OF THIS, DIDN'T YOU? YOU SENT THE BOY AFTER ME?
OF COURSE. HE MEANT NOTHING TO ME. IT WAS YOU I HAVE LONGED FOR, THANOS OF TITAN.
YOU HAD STRAYED SO FAR FROM ME. I COULD NOT HAVE THAT...
I MADE YOU ILL. I BROKE YOU DOWN AND THEN USED THE BOY TO MAKE YOU INTO NOTHING.
BECAUSE I KNEW--I KNEW YOU WOULD FIND A WAY. I KNEW YOU WOULD REBUILD YOURSELF. I KNEW YOU WOULD BECOME GREAT ONCE AGAIN.
AND THEN YOU WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE WORTHY OF MY LOVE.

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, LADY. I DID REBUILD MYSELF...
...AND I NO LONGER NEED OR EVEN WANT YOUR LOVE.
WELL, WELL, WELL...
IT SEEMS YOUR "BUSINESS HERE" HAS COME TO AN END, OLD FRIEND.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD BE ON YOUR WAY...?

YES, SISTER... I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD *DEFINITELY* BE ON YOUR WAY.

SHRACK

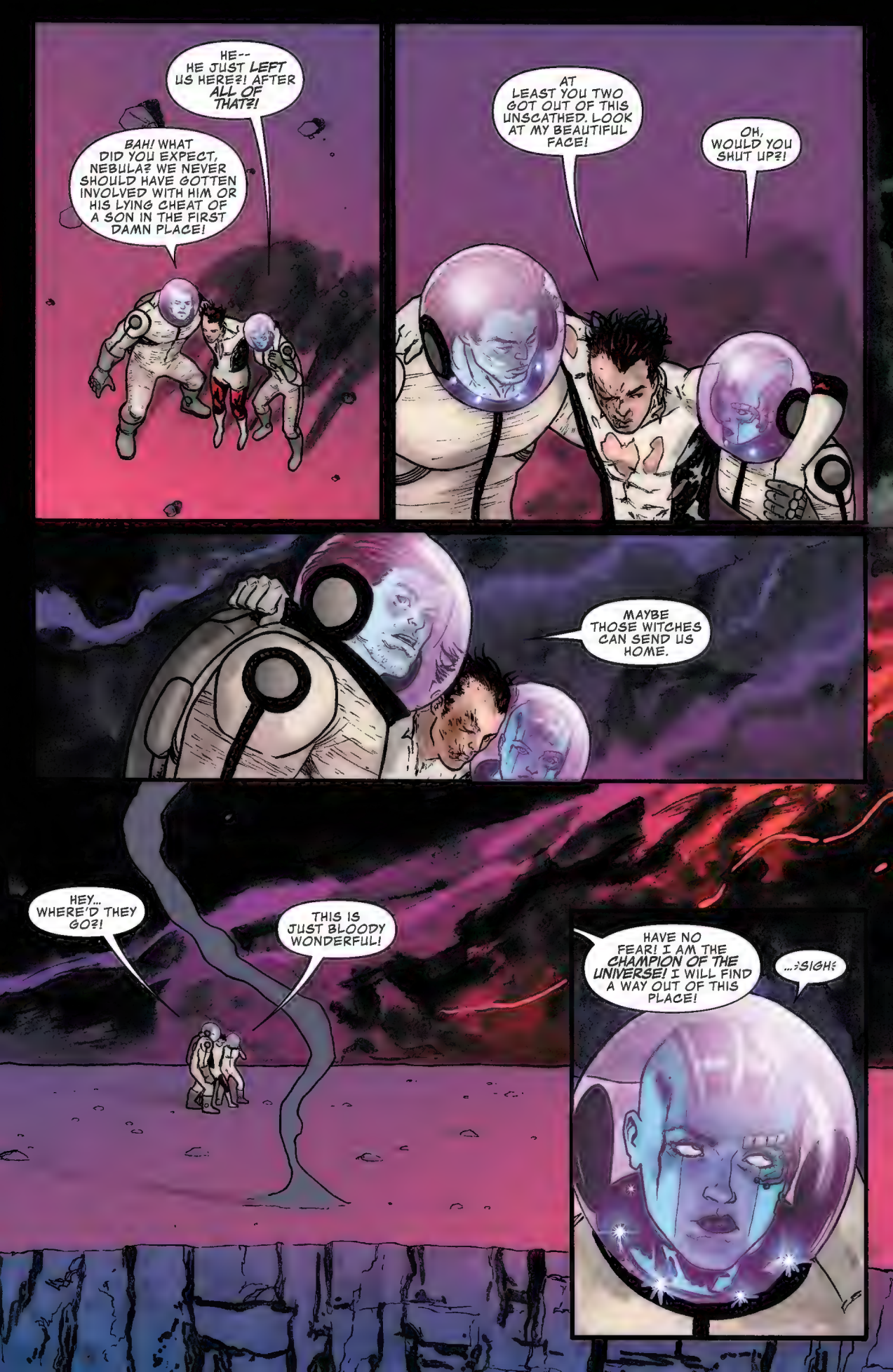
IS SHE--

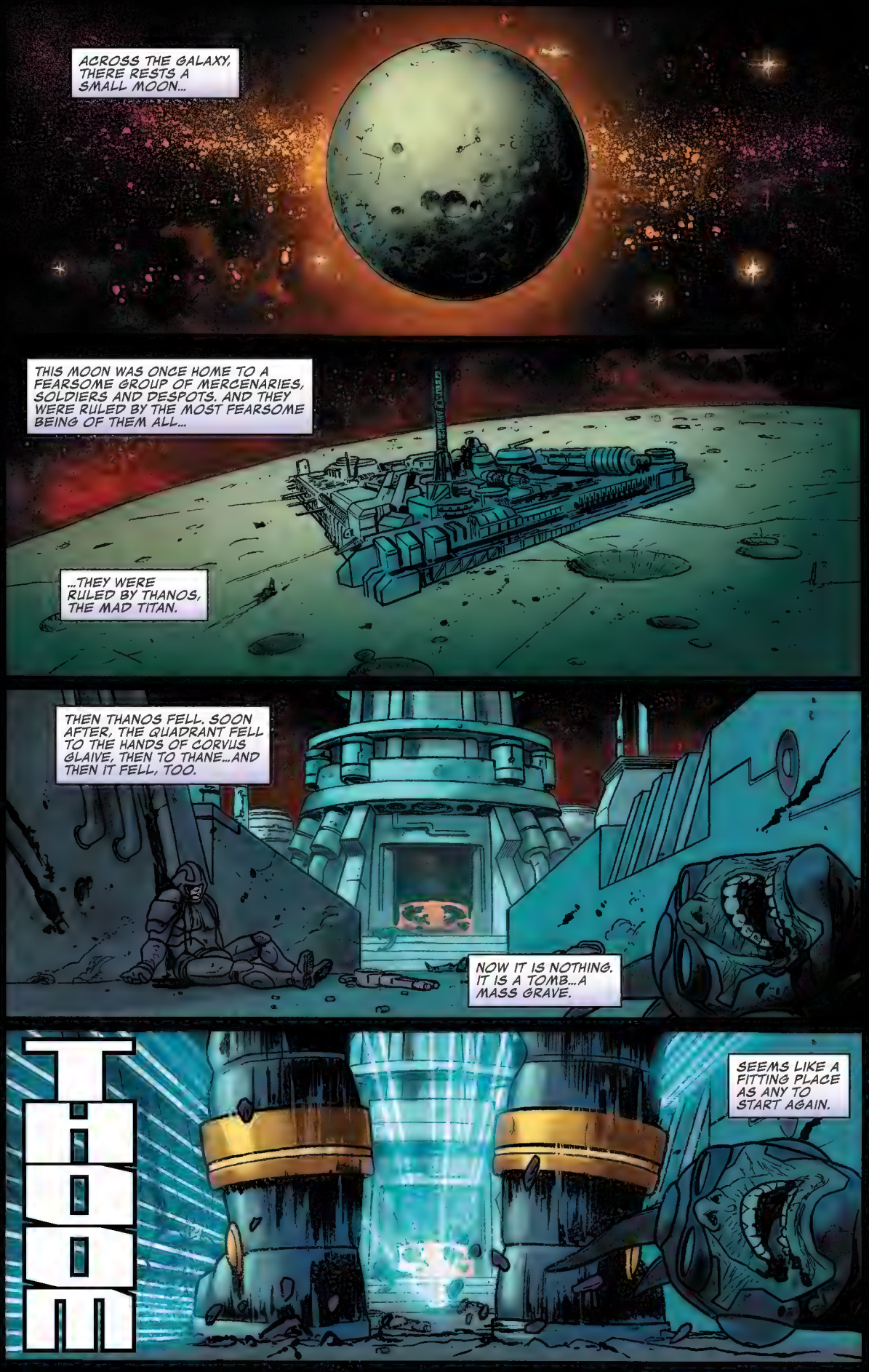
DEAD? YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, MAD TITAN.

YOU CAN NEVER KILL DEATH.

ONLY DELAY HER.

WELL, BROTHER. YOU HAVE WON YET AGAIN.
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT, EROS?
OH, I'D SAY THERE WAS, THANOS. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE FOUND YOU CRAWLING THROUGH THE TRASH LIKE A RAT BACK ON TITAN.
AND WHAT? NOW I AM SUPPOSED TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU THREE FOR HELPING ME?
ARE WE TO BE ALLIES NOW? FRIENDS?
THANOS HAS NO FRIENDS. AND THANOS NEEDS NO FAMILY.
YOU CAN ALL ROT HERE FOR ALL I CARE.
HEY!


HE-- HE JUST LEFT US HERE?! AFTER ALL OF THAT?!
BAH! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, NEBULA? WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH HIM OR HIS LYING CHEAT OF A SON IN THE FIRST DAMN PLACE!
AT LEAST YOU TWO GOT OUT OF THIS UNSCATHED. LOOK AT MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!
OH, WOULD YOU SHUT UP?!
MAYBE THOSE WITCHES CAN SEND US HOME.
HEY... WHERE'D THEY GO?!
THIS IS JUST BLOODY WONDERFUL!
HAVE NO FEAR! I AM THE CHAMPION OF THE UNIVERSE! I WILL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE!
...SIGH


ACROSS THE GALAXY, THERE RESTS A SMALL MOON...
THIS MOON WAS ONCE HOME TO A FEARSOME GROUP OF MERCENARIES, SOLDIERS AND DESPOTS. AND THEY WERE RULED BY THE MOST FEARSOME BEING OF THEM ALL...
...THEY WERE RULED BY THANOS, THE MAD TITAN.
THEN THANOS FELL. SOON AFTER, THE QUADRANT FELL TO THE HANDS OF CORVUS GLAIVE, THEN TO THANE...AND THEN IT FELL, TOO.
NOW IT IS NOTHING. IT IS A TOMB...A MASS GRAVE.
THOR
SEEMS LIKE A FITTING PLACE AS ANY TO START AGAIN.

WE ALL KNOW WHO THANOS WAS. BUT WHO SHALL HE BE NOW?
THE ANSWER IS CLEAR. THANOS WILL BE WHAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN.
THANOS WILL BE WHAT HE WILL ALWAYS BE.
THANOS IS DESTROYER. THANOS IS KING.
KNOW HIM. FEAR HIM...

THANOS HAS RETURNED.
THE END.

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...THANOS WINS!

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